

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEGUCI 04605 241637Z

55

ACTION ARA-10W

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-01 INR-01 /013 W

----- 102761

O 241609Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4592

UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 4605

FOR: IOP/M

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS:

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, FORD-CARTER DEBATES

REF: USIA 28682

HONDURAN NATIONAL TELEVISION (TV-5) CARRIED THE COMPLETE FORD-CARTER DEBATE STARTING AT 21:15 LOCAL TIME GOING THE FULL TWO HOURS INCLUDING THE 28 MINUTE DELAY CAUSED BY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

THE DEBATE WAS AIRED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH WITHOUT A SPANISH TRANSLATION.

COMMENTARY IN SPANISH FOLLOWING THE DEBATE WAS MADE BY HONDURAN TELEVISION BROADCASTER JACOBO GOLDSTEIN. GOLDSTEIN READ AN ACAN-EFE CABLE WHICH GAVE JIMMY CARTER A CLEAR VICTORY OVER PRESIDENT FORD - ON PHYSICAL APPEARANCE. THE CABLE INDICATED THAT CARTER'S FLASHING SMILE, BABY BLUE EYES AND MUCH YOUNGER APPEARANCE HAD GIVEN HIM THE SAME TYPE OF VICTORY JOHN KENNEDY ATTAINED OVER RICHARD NIXON IN THE 1960 DEBATES. ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS SUCH AS KNOWLEDGE OF MATERIAL AND REPLY TO QUESTIONS GOLDSTEIN INDICATED THAT BOTH CANDIDATES HAD RESPONDED WELL AND PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED THE DEBATE A TIE. HRN RADIO THE MOST POWERFUL NETWORK IN HONDURAS CARRIED THE ENTIRE DEBATE LIVE STARTING AT 19:30 LOCAL TIME.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEGUCI 04605 241637Z

THE DEBATE WAS ALSO AIRED IN ENGLISH WITHOUT TRANSLATION.

NO COMMENTARY IN SPANISH WAS GIVEN AFTER THE CONCLUSION
OF THE DEBATE.

CONSERVATIVE LA PRENSA CARRIED TWO FRONT PAGE AP WIRE-PHOTOS
OF THE CANDIDATES IN DEBATE AND SHAKING HANDS. AP STORY
INSIDE WAS TITLED "PROMISES AND MORE PROMISES DURING FIRST
DEBATE".

NO EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE.
URIBE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DEBATES, NEWS MEDIA COMMENTS, ELECTION CANDIDATES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEGUCI04605
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760361-0461
From: TEGUCIGALPA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760921/aaaaarph.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 FEB 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 FEB 2004 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <11 JAN 2005 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEDIA REACTION, FORD-CARTER DEBATES
TAGS: PGOV, SOPN, HO, US, (FORD, GERALD R), (CARTER, JIMMY)
To: USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006